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11. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Norvill Jones, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and told him we had a letter coming forward to Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.) on his amendment relating to "or any other funds" and that we would get a copy to him as soon as it is delivered. I told him in part that Mr. Cary had talked to Senator Abourezk and had assured him personally that the Agency would not be undertaking any AID programs terminated by the legislation. Jones indicated that the bill is scheduled to come up tomorrow but that this is soft.

As we parted, he reminded me that this office had promised a package for his use in completing the Committee report on the Muskie "surveillance legislation".

12. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the 19 September 1974 request for approval of additional payment to Lao POW returnees. Preston asked for a paper on this for use in briefing Chairman George H. Mahon (D., Texas).

I discussed with him luncheon plans at the Agency on Wednesday, 25 September, and his meeting with the Financial Management Seminar that afternoon and gave him an outline of the program.

Preston and I discussed again a visit to NPIC by Representative William E. Minshall (R., Ohio) and himself. Preston indicated that Minshall is most interested and he will discuss the subject with Minshall at his first opportunity.

In passing Preston mentioned there had been some discussion during a conference on the Defense Appropriations bill about possible inclusion of statements or caveats relating to CIA and covert action. Each point was resolved completely in the Agency's favor. No statement was included in the report about the matter.

13. (Unclassified - PLC) Bob Harmel, OMB, called in regard to our prior written comments to OMB on 12 June 1974 concerning their 20 May 1974 alternate draft to H. R. 12206, granting individuals access to Government records concerning them. He questioned why we had provided figures on all our records since OMB had granted us an exemption; I explained that OMB had asked that we provide figures with and without an exemption so they could better judge the full impact of the bill. He asked what our cost factor would be with an exemption. I said it would be near zero.

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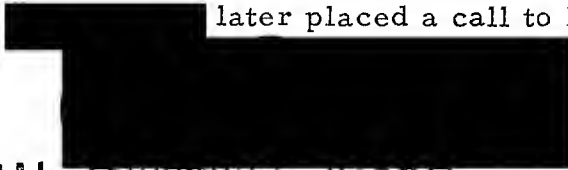
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14. (Confidential - LLM) In connection with the Director's proposed reply to Senator Abourezk's letter concerning the impact of the Senator's amendment No. 1511 to S. 3394 (Foreign Assistance Act), I spoke with George Gilbert, OMB; Bud McFarlane, NSC Staff; and Art Gardiner, General Counsel, AID. McFarlane and Gardiner had no problem with the proposed reply and the latter said he had assumed that we had certain programs which might be affected even by the narrower language, explaining this was the reason why they had not contacted Abourezk directly on his amendments. Gardiner said that certain essential reimbursable programs with the Saudi Arabians and Venezuelans were not affected by the Abourezk amendment and their concern is that it not be broadened to affect them. Gilbert earlier had taken up my suggestion in view of his press of business that we contact directly Justice, AID, and the NSC, but he would like copies of the Director's letter to Senator Abourezk for following through with formal clearance. I also alerted the above to the new Abourezk amendment involving violation of the U. S. or foreign laws which is apparently aimed at covert action with an exception for "intelligence gathering."

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15. (Internal Use Only - KKH) Received a call from Mrs. Weber





16. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called Bill Skidmore, OMB, to alert him that we were submitting comments to the Subcommittee reported version of H. R. 16373, the right of privacy bill, which had been furnished to me yesterday by Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information. I gave Skidmore the gist of our comments. Since the full Committee meets tomorrow, Skidmore requested that our report state that time did not permit clearance with OMB. He also suggested that we discuss the changes with Frank Reeder, OMB, who is principally involved in H. R. 16373.  later placed a call to Reeder, but it was not returned.

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